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Respondent having filed a Memorandum entitled as above, purporting to discuss pages 15-17 of Petitioner's brief, the Court, in response to Petitioner's statement that Respondent had misrepresented Petitioner's brief, allowed Petitioner ten days to file this reply.

Respondent's argument at pages 15-17 of Petitioner's Reply is headed

The 'Indistinguishable' 25%."

The matter at pages 15-17 of Petitioner's Reply is a subsidiary argument or a "but if" argument. We do contend on the main case that the energy delivered to Navy is not in interstate commerce and is not found within the meaning of the statute, but at this place we dropped down to a subsidiary position in effect: But if the energy is in interstate commerce and, if some part (say 25%) is resold, FPC has jurisdiction over only the part resold.

The actual statement (Rep. Br. p. 15) was:

"It must be admitted that the remaining part, at least, is not subject to FPC jurisdiction."

Respondent's Memorandum does not accord with this statement, but says (p. 1):

"Petitioner argues that federal regulations shall yield to State regulation of its sale to Navy and that only 25 per cent of the energy sold to Navy is in interstate commerce (emphasis added),

and that (p. 2):

" * * because the admittedly jurisdictional interstate energy flow is mixed with a larger flow of energy which, standing alone, would not be subject to Commission jurisdiction, the entire sale is outside the Commission's jurisdiction." (Emphasis added)*

Petitioner made no such statement; its Reply is succinct and clear to the effect that the 75%

memorandum seeks to make Petitioner say that it would be subject to FPC jurisdiction.

The Respondent, not the Petitioner, which uses "comingling" argument. Petitioner does not admit there is any "comingling" which affects this case at all. It makes any of the energy "indistinguishable." This is the resort of Respondent. Its claim is that FPC has no jurisdiction over energy not sold for resale, because and in the absence of "inextricable comingling."

Respondent's record disputes the "inextricable comingling"

Respondent's own Exhibit 32 computes the percentages of energy sales of total purchased and generated energy as follows:

1943 (last half)	28.6%
1944	19.7%
1945	15.5%
1946	15.8%
1947	20.3%
1948	22.5%

Exhibit 6 [R. p. 105] recites in part:

"For the period from 1943 to 1948, inclusive, the percentage of energy resold by the Navy (to the extent purchased from California Electric and generated by the Navy) ranged from 15.4% to 28.6%, the average being 18.7%."

both these quantities are given in Exhibit 32, percentages of energy purchased from Petitioner "resold" can equally well be computed.

Thus, in 1948, there was Purchased	5,355,1
Generated	353,7
Total	5,708,8
"Resold"	1,281,6
% "Resold"	

The 5,355,155 kwh purchased is 93.8% of of 5,708,850 kwh generated and purchased so 22.5% of the total becomes 21.1% of the en chaced, which was "resold."

Respondent's theory of "inextricable mixture" on the idea that particles of energy or kilow cannot be distinguished or identified, so that, tities of energy from different sources get into line, they can never be separated. The practice ing two supplies of energy into a line and mete out of the line is too well known to permit quibbling.

Such metering and separation was contem *Idaho Power Co. v. FPC*, 189 F. 2d 665, wh itself, issued a license for a transmission line the Company to receive and transmit over the l with the Company's own energy, energy suppli government. The same thing was actually being *City of Los Angeles v. The Nevada-California Corp.*, 2 FPC 104, 32 P. U. R. N. S. 193, FPC suggested no "inextricable comingling" b

ilities of power from the Bureau of Reclamation atasta Dam and returning, not the same kilowatt equivalent amounts to the Bureau at numerous the Central Valley. To adopt Respondent's would push back electrical practice in this country e 30 years.

es cited in Respondent's Memorandum present t situation from the case at bar. In each of s, the utility company had, *on its system, mixed antly varying supplies of intrastate and inter-gy which were delivered to various customers, s places, at various times, and in varying No effort was made by the utility to ascertain of each kind was delivered, from time to time, eral customers.*

tant case is just the reverse. Petitioner's supply is all purely California intrastate energy. It vered for the operation of the Naval Ammuni-t. It retains those characters until it reaches tion on the Depot Reservation, where (we are for argument) an accurately metered portion ' by the Navy.

se is therefore precisely like *Colorado Interstate* 185 F. 2d 357 (C. A. 3). There FPC ordered Interstate to file a schedule covering *all* of its to the customers. Here FPC has ordered the to file a schedule covering *all* its deliveries to There the Third Circuit held that FPC could

"inextricable intermixture" of particles of gas
the Court can have none with electric energy.

Respondent, at page 3 of its Memorandum distinguish *Colorado Interstate Gas Co.* by the language in which the Third Circuit refused to determine whether the boiler gas was *in fact* sold for consumption or for resale. But, in the present case, we are assuming for the sake of argument, that some of the electricity is resold by the Navy. Therefore, *Colorado Interstate Gas Co.* is directly in point on the principle that a utility would be obligated by law to file with FPC only if it is applicable to resale energy.

The language quoted in the Memorandum from *Colorado Interstate Gas Co.* is, however, authority for the proposition that this Court need not now determine the question of resale or no resale. That depends on past events and can be determined only for the past. This Court has no way of finding whether there will be resale or no resale in the future. It has no way of knowing whether or not the Navy will continue to supply energy to its employees or to make a charge for it, or even that it will have any tenants to supply.

On the other hand, as suggested by a question from the Bench during oral argument, the Navy might be required to provide general public service in Mineral County; it might extend its lines into the town of Hawthorne (located within the Naval Reservation) in competition with the Mineral County Power System, in which event, it could possibly drive the latter out of business by reason of its ability to quote lower rates, that is, 1 1/2% per hour.

question of whether or not Petitioner must file a schedule applicable to resale energy is a matter of law; the question of whether in the future there is any resale energy covered by the schedule is a matter of indeterminate facts. If the schedule were filed covering energy to be resold it would cover any energy so resold; if the energy is not resold, the schedule would have nothing to operate upon.

In order to avoid any possible misunderstanding, we repeat that the Point in Petitioner's Reply Brief is set forth in Respondent's said Memorandum and also a subsidiary point, contingent upon the rejection of Petitioner's main point, to which it still adheres, that the Navy has no jurisdiction and can be given no jurisdiction (by some further Act of Congress) over Naval contracts (so as to supersede the power of the Navy Department to negotiate its own contracts for electric energy). We know of no authority of the Navy Department to transfer jurisdiction with or without the concurrence of the Attorney General to accomplish that transfer of jurisdiction.

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